

Uncensored News of Europe

CAUTION. That's a word that the American press lords used every day a year ago. They have dropped it today; their news is censored at the point of origin and again by the unseen censor—the American press lords themselves. The censors in Europe and the unseen censors at home blackout the real news, the news of the suffering of the people and of the people's fight against war, misery and hunger.

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Look at the record for the past week. China, England, the Soviet Union, Mexico, Chile. The Daily Worker carried vital news from all these countries. During the week the Daily Worker told of an event in England that bids to become a historical milestone—the coming People's Convention to be held January 12 in London. Where else was it printed?

If you want the real uncensored news of Europe you must read the Daily Worker. But this is not enough! Gain a new reader for the Daily Worker among your friends.

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No paper in America but the Daily Worker throws open its pages to the workers in the shops and publishes correspondence from workers. Here's a real working class poll of what the American people are thinking and doing. Here is the discussion during the noon-day lunch hour on wage issues, shortening of hours and bettering of conditions as the people write—a full page in the Daily Worker every Monday.

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Uncensored News of U.S.A.

Again, look at the record for the past week: British agents and high government officials meet in secret to plot war loans to Britain; Congress connives to ram a no-strike bill down the throats of the American people, plots life imprisonment for union leaders who dare assert labor's right to strike; Navy chiefs turn their big guns on labor laws; compulsory arbitration schemes are plotted.

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No paper boasts of as many of its own and as varied columnist writers as the Daily Worker. Five columns appear regularly in the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker. Here's the record:

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, whose column, "100 Per Cent Union," is devoted to the problems of unions. It delves behind the news of the day. Budenz' column appears every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

ALAN MAX, whose column, "Point of Order," satirizes the news of the day. It appears every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

MIKE GOLD, whose "Change the World" is the Daily Worker's oldest and best known feature and whose recent series made literary history.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, veteran labor leader, whose column about women appears weekly in the Sunday Worker.

SENDER GARLIN, whose "Constant Reader" appears every Wednesday and Friday.

Last but not least, Lester Rodney's "On the Score Board" appearing daily on the sports page gives the dope on sports.

That's the Daily Worker for the week.

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19,000 Get Raise, Paid Vacation At Briggs

UAW Signs Union Shop Contract With Hudson

By William Allan
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—Nineteen thousand Briggs employees were granted a \$40 vacation allowance and a flat two cent an hour increase today after UAW-CIO leaders met with company officials.

The \$40 will be paid before Christmas. The Chrysler and Hudson workers totaling 75,000 received a similar bonus and a two-cent hourly increase.

The agreement came today in the form of amendments to the present contract, which has been extended to Dec. 7, 1941. The vacation allowance of \$40, as it is classified, will mean the outlay of approximately \$650,000 while the two cent wage increase will raise the company payroll by \$400,000 annually.

The first union shop contract in a major auto plant came out of negotiations between the United Automobile Workers, CIO and officials of the Hudson Motor Co. yesterday.

As in the Chrysler agreement, signed Wednesday, a Christmas bonus was provided for the Hudson workers, totalling \$150,000. The payment will go to 10,000 employees and is being awarded in lieu of vacations with pay. The clause regarding a union shop reads:

"The company agrees that employees who are members of the union, or who may become members of the union and as such have accepted contractual obligations, remain in good standing."

This clause means that employees must remain in good standing with the union to continue in the company's employment, union officials said. The Hudson plant is 100 per cent organized in the UAW-CIO.

Provision for the re-opening of the question of vacation with pay at next year's negotiations was made and improvements in bargaining procedure which both sides agreed upon.

Pavers Win Pact, Raise in Washington

CIO Construction Workers Contract Will Aid 1,000 Workers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—A major victory was won by the paving workers in Washington, D. C., through the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, CIO following the recent NLRB elections in which they voted overwhelmingly for representation by the UGCWC.

More than 1,000 workers will now receive an increase of 15 cents an hour as a result of a new contract negotiated by the union since the election. The new rate was proclaimed as official for all government work here by the Secretary of Labor, acting under the Bacon-Davis Act, after the agreement had been signed with nine employers.

A special meeting is being held tonight where a report will be given by the negotiating committee.

Teamster Saves Woman in Plunge

Joseph Miller looked up as he was walking to work yesterday and saw a woman falling from a third-floor apartment window above him.

He braced himself, threw out his arms, and broke her fall. He was unable, however, to keep her from striking the pavement. He called a patrolman and went on to work.

An ambulance interne said the woman, Dorothy Guise, 22, was uninjured. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital to be treated for alcoholism and for mental observation.

Police went to the Brewery where Miller works to congratulate him and found that he was out delivering beer in his truck and had refrained from telling fellow workers anything about his accomplishment.

Quake in Wales

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—An earthquake shook Northwestern Wales for 13 seconds last night, rocking the town of Pwllheli, Carnarvon county, until inhabitants ran into the street believing there was an air raid.



Raid Shatters Sheffield: Sheffield was rocked for hours on hour by Nazi bombers in what they termed an "utter destruction" raid. Although the wreckage was heavy and the loss of life high, the important English city's factories are still working, according to British authorities.

Whole Regiments Quit Japan's Puppet Wang

Take Arms, Equipment With Them to China's Army—Artillery, Machine Guns, 1,000 Rifles and 340 Horses Captured by Chinese

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13.—Increasing insubordination and open revolt is spreading through the army of the Japanese puppet Wang Ching-wei, with entire battalions and regiments going over to the National Government troops, taking their arms and equipment with them.

It became officially known here today that on Nov. 29 the First Battalion of the Wang Ching-wei army, quartered in Anhwei, joined national government troops.

It was also revealed that on Dec. 7 the Seventh Regiment of the Wang Ching-wei forces in Northern Kiangsi, headed by Commander Yu Min Tsi, crossed over to the Nationalist forces.

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13.—Chinese forces captured 12 artillery pieces, 136 machine guns, more than 1,000 rifles and 340 horses during recent battles in Hopeh province in which the Japanese used four full divisions, it became known here today.

Williams Freed in Brooklyn Rape Frameup

Dismissal of the indictment and freedom for the youthful defendant in Brooklyn's John Williams "Scotsboro" case, was announced yesterday by the International Labor Defense, in a statement congratulating the organizations and individuals who aid the John Williams Defense and Attorney Samuel A. Neuberger, who was in charge of the legal battle.

The dismissal came yesterday as the result of a motion made by the young Negro Assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn, Clarence Wilson, on the grounds that not only had the Williams case been twice reversed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, but also that the District Attorney's office had no further or additional evidence.

Young Williams was freed from prison last June on his own recognizance when Wilson, upon consultation with Neuberger, urged this action upon Judge Garvin following the second reversal by the Appellate Division of the state court.

Originally indicted on March 31, 1939, on a charge of "rape" and assault in the second degree allegedly committed in Brooklyn on Dec. 3, 1938, Williams was convicted on both counts in June 1939. This

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'Champion' Army Recruiting Model Says She Hopes Husband Doesn't Go

(By United Press)

The champion recruiter of North America was chosen yesterday. She is blonde Elaine Bassett, who posed for the Canadian "Join the Army" posters and now has been selected to pose for Uncle Sam's.

A model, Miss Bassett is tall and statuesque, which she said probably was the reason she was chosen—not because she has any great love for the military.

"Maybe they think I'm the goddess

SHEFFIELD SUFFERS MOST DESTRUCTIVE RAID OF THE WAR

Death Trap Awaits Italians in Desert

Fleeing Remnants of Graziani's Army Soon Will Be Encircled, Says British Report—Rome Admits Drive Serious

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Cairo, Saturday, Dec. 14 (UP).—Remnants of five Italian divisions numbering perhaps 75,000 men early today were reported attempting to escape through a "death trap" at the Egyptian-Libyan frontier after losing all their food and oil supplies to Britain's desert offensive.

Those who escaped through the bottleneck trap at the Egyptian border town of Sollum, set ablaze by the guns of the British Mediterranean fleet, were being driven swiftly toward the Libyan coastal base of Tobruk which is as deep in Libya as the high-water mark of the Fascist invasion of Egypt at Sidi Barrani.

Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's "beaten army" is in frantic flight to get out of the Egyptian desert and reach Libya, an official communique said, and RAF bombers have carried Britain's "blitz" offensive deep into Libya with shattering attacks on the fascist bases at Tobruk and Bardia.

Capture of "several thousand" more Italian prisoners, including two more generals commanding divisions, was reported officially, and it was understood that the total of prisoners taken in the five-day lightning sweep was between 25,000 and 30,000 now.

The mechanized spearhead of the British advance was reported almost at the Libyan border, thereby virtually wiping out Italy's 75-mile deep invasion of western Egypt and fast clearing the desert of all fascist troops.

While British warships lying off the coast shelled and disorganized the Italian retreat, British bombers were reported to have started huge fires at Tobruk, main Italian supply base in Libya, and sent flames leaping 1,000 feet into the air at Bardia, nearest Libyan port to Egypt.

Italian communications were said here to have been completely "demoralized," making it impossible for the fascists to reorganize their forces for counter-attacks or escape from being driven into the bottleneck near Sollum. Egyptian town four miles from the Libyan border.

ROME ADMITS DRIVE SERIOUS

ROME, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Italian press tonight called for greater resistance to "the greatest antagonist Rome has had in her thousands of years of existence" as the high command admitted that British

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Norwegian Luxury Ship Reported Torpedoed

The Maritime Association of the Port of New York said today that the Norwegian-American line had reported that its flagship, the 18,600-ton liner Oslofjord, had been "sunk by enemy action" in the North Atlantic.

A Maritime Association official said it was presumed the luxury liner had been torpedoed, shelled or bombed.

The report contained no information as to the position of the ship when it sank.

Fire in Kearny Penn Rail Yards

KEARNY, N. J., Dec. 13 (UP).—Fire broke out tonight in a three-story building at the repair yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad here.

All Kearny fire apparatus responded to the two alarms turned in. Local and Hudson County police were called.

Other coastal command plans were reported to have bombed docks at Brest during the night. Bad weather prevented the Royal Air Force from carrying out the usual nightly raids on German objectives.

London Admits Raiders Caused Many Casualties

SIXTY FIRES RAGE

Homes, Mills of Great Steel Center Scene of Wide Ruin

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (UP).—Sheffield, Britain's great steel center, was pictured here tonight as a city of ruins after last night's long and intense raid by "several hundred" German planes carrying a ton or more of bombs each.

Nazi spokesmen quoted pilots back from scouting flights over Sheffield as saying that the attack, carried out on the Coventry pattern but with even greater striking power, had laid waste great expanses of industrial targets.

The northeastern part of the city, and particularly the stretch along the main thoroughfare leading out toward Rotherham, was said to be one big scene of desolation.

FIRES RAGE

The scale of the fire raging in several parts of the city during the night had caused "great damage." The last of the German aircraft to leave the city at the end of the raid had reported counting 60 separate fires, their glare reported visible on the English coast 75 miles distant.

Witnesses to the raid were quoted as saying that its striking power exceeded even that of the annihilating attack on Coventry, which inaugurated the series of concentrated bombardments of such cities as Birmingham, Portsmouth, Bristol and Southampton.

The official DNB news agency said a German submarine returning to its base had reported sinking 27,000 tons of enemy merchant shipping.

One British plane was reported to have flown into Germany Thursday night without dropping bombs.

ADMIT SHEFFIELD WAS HARD HIT

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Night raiders were over two towns in East Anglia tonight and London had a brief alarm after a day in which a communique said no bombs were dropped anywhere in Britain.

Last night's raid on Sheffield caused widespread damage and many casualties. For two hours bombs rained on the town and the attack continued less intensely until past midnight.

Many buildings were wrecked by the debris. Numbers of houses were shattered or damaged so badly they were uninhabitable. Hours after the raid ended bodies still were buried in the wreckage.

2 NAZI SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The sinking of two German supply ships, one by the British submarine Sunfish and the other by an American-built Lookheed bomber which attacked a strongly-escorted German convoy, was reported here today.

The Admiralty said two torpedoes from the Sunfish were seen hitting the German vessel near the Norwegian coast, after which "the enemy broke up and sank immediately." It said the ship of about 4,000 tons was heavily laden, probably with ore destined for Germany.

In addition, the Sunfish was credited with hitting and damaging an oil tanker of some 4,000 tons. Other coastal command plans were reported to have bombed docks at Brest during the night. Bad weather prevented the Royal Air Force from carrying out the usual nightly raids on German objectives.

Weather
Local—Cloudy and much colder; fair and warmer Sunday.
Eastern New York—Cloudy and much colder.
New Jersey—Cloudy and much colder.

Death Trap Awaits Italians In Desert

British Claim Remnants of Fleeing Army Will Soon Be Encircled

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Italy's desert offensive has struck close to the soil of Italian Libya.

Today's war communiqué said that Italian troops were battling "with great valor" against British mechanized columns "at the Libyan frontier in the zone between Sollum and Sidi Barrani" as well as in the desert wastes to the south.

The fascist press spoke plainly of the seriousness of Britain's desert offensive and Virginia Gayda, often the mouthpiece of Premier Benito Mussolini, said that the struggle is a decisive one which will determine the future fighting power of both nations.

The Turin newspaper La Stampa, asserting that the moment is "difficult for Italy" but not desperate, asserted that Britain has withdrawn her fleet from the dominions into the Mediterranean against Italy, leaving the United States "to guard those possessions against any possible new enemy."

The newspaper Il Messaggero, predicting a gigantic struggle, said that "the forces of the British empire are being furiously concentrated against us with fierce enemy pressure increasing on all our fronts."

Roberto Farinacci, former secretary of the Fascist party, struck out at those Italians "who forget Italy is at war" and at food hoarders, demanding that the latter be shot as traitors.

Urgent measures were taken by government authorities to curb food hoarding and profiteering.

Alps Slides Kill Two

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—Avalanches sweeping down Alpine slopes, where heavy snows were loosened by the sun, killed two persons and spread heavy damage today in several sections of Switzerland.

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200 Jewish Adult, Child Refugees Drown as Ship Sinks in Marmora Sea

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Two hundred Jewish emigrants on their way to Palestine were drowned when their ship sank during a storm in the sea of Marmora, the Exchange Telegraph news agency reported today from Istanbul.

The dispatch said 180 were rescued when the Uruguayan motor and sailing ship on which they were traveling went down off Silivri, 40 miles west of Istanbul. The report did not give the date of the sinking.

The 380 passengers, including many children and their mothers, were thrown into the sea with scarcely any chance to take to lifeboats, when their ship broke up on the rocks, according to Turkish newspapers here. They were en route to Palestine from Bulgaria.

The ship's captain swam ashore, it was said, and called Turkish government crews to help. The sea's surface was dotted with struggling refugees and debris, it was said. The 180 who were picked up were taken to hospitals.

Home Is First Defense Line, Women's Parley Told

Conference of Young Women Tackles Issues of Peace and Defense of Rights; Miss Horie Speaks:

By Beth McHenry

Termining the defense of the American home "the foundation of American Defense," Jean Horie, executive secretary of the New York Youth Congress, told the 2,000 young people who crowded into the auditorium of the Hotel Riverside Plaza for the opening session of the Conference of Young Women last night, "we are here tonight ready to fight for secure and happy homes."

The conference, sponsored by a group of New York's young women leaders from student, church, trade union, and YWCA groups, was summoned to bring together young women from all types of organizations to map out a program of activity to combat the effects of the war crisis upon the girls of today.

Demanding passage of the American Youth Act instead of "forced labor camps," Miss Horie asserted: "Young women of America will fight against all attempts to regiment us into compulsory labor battalions. We want a solution to our unemployment problems which will use our energies in employment, and meet the needs of the community."

LABOR SPOKESMEN

Sharing the platform with Miss Horie at this first young women's conference of this kind to be held in this country were Josephine Timms, national secretary-treasurer of the American Communications Association, CIO, and Thelma Dale of the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Emphasizing the need for women to adopt the slogan "organize," Miss Timms declared: "When women are aroused they can become the greatest force of all for the preservation of democracy. The women must be in the forefront of organizing and fighting for peace and to keep our boys at home."

Miss Dale stressed the growing ties between Negro and white women in the face of their joint struggle against the onslaught of the war-makers. "We Negro young women firmly believe that together with young white women we shall fight to build a strong democratic country which no foreign power will dare touch," she asserted, while the large audience broke into rich applause. "We shall make America a mighty force for peace throughout the world by becoming a true democracy here at home, in fact and not merely in word."

THREE-DAY PARLEY

Last night's session, opening the three days' conference, set the tone for the fruitful discussion sessions to be held today and tomorrow. A vivid dramatic presentation of the Theater Arts Committee, titled "America's Daughters Speak," told the story of the great problems facing young women today, recording the brutal effect of the conscription law and a war economy on girls standing at the threshold of life.

Among the 1,000 young women delegates to the conference from all parts of the city are 250 representatives of AFL and CIO labor unions, and union auxiliaries. Represented by particularly large delegations are Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, CIO; the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO; the Domestic Workers; State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO; and numerous other unions and union auxiliaries.

Particularly well represented by large delegations are Negro and Jewish youth organizations.

A special luncheon meeting at 11:30 A. M. today will consider the particular problems of Negro Young Women. Miss Thelma Dale and

Miss Winifred Norman, of the Harlem Youth Congress, will be the principal speakers at the luncheon session.

Afternoon session, today will include panel discussions, led by prominent women trade unionists and youth leaders.

Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of Local 5, the Teachers Union, will head the list of speakers in the "Social and Family Life of Young Women" panel, while Thelma Dale and Frances Williams, administrative secretary of the American Youth Congress, will lead the panel discussion on "Young Women as Citizens."

In a panel dealing with "Young

Women in Industry and Employment," Winifred Norman and Nancy MacLeod, of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 6, A.F.L., will be the principal speakers.

"The Role of Young Women in Securing World Peace" will be the subject of Sunday's session, to be addressed by Rose Terlin, secretary of the Economic Education Division of Community YWCA.

Other speakers at the closing conference Sunday will include Jack McMichael, of the American Youth Congress; Austin Hogan, vice president of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO; and Louis Burnham of the National Negro Congress.

French, Siam Fighting Is Spreading

French Minister Attempts to Reach Agreement with Bangkok

HANOI, Dec. 13 (UP).—Fighting between French and Thai forces in the contested border region spread to new areas today but French officials said there still was some hope of a peaceful settlement and that contact with the French legation in Bangkok, cut for a fortnight, had been re-established.

Roger Garreau, French Minister in the Thai capital, was continuing his efforts to obtain some satisfactory formula from the Bangkok Foreign Office, officials said. Meanwhile French policy was described as "returning blow-for-blow" but, at the same time, doing all possible to avoid a spread of the conflict.

In line with the policy of retaliation French planes on Wednesday night dropped three tons of explosives on Thai positions at Udorn and Sakonkarak, west of Thakek.

JAPANESE TO 'VISIT'

Admiral Jean De Coux, governor general of Indo-China, probably will visit the southern areas of the country on an inspection tour soon, it was said. The chief of the Japanese mission, Maj. Gen. Raishiro Sumita, also may visit the southern regions and French posts on the Thai border, near Ankor Vat, after he leaves Hanoi, Dec. 17. Gen. Sumita, it was said, is anxious to take back to Tokyo a first hand report on the border situation. He is due in the Japanese capital soon to take part in formal parleys there for a Japan-Indo-China economic treaty.

THAI PLANES BOMB TOWN

The Japanese Domei news agency in a broadcast from Hanoi said six Thai airplanes raided Pakse Wednesday morning dropping three bombs and that five other Thai planes flew over Vientiane dropping two bombs on the French airfield there. The Thai planes also machine-gunned a number of French border positions.

Petaim Shifts Posts to Save French Empire

Reports Colonial Domain Intact Except for Central Africa

VICHY, Dec. 13 (UP).—Marshal Henri Philippe Petaim tonight shifted his colonial administrations, apparently in an effort to hold the French Empire together and balk further attempts of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's "Free French" forces to gain footholds against the Vichy government.

Petaim named new governors to Martinique, Guadeloupe, Madagascar, Somaliland and Nigeria as well as shifting a score of secretaries and lesser administrators, chiefly in Indo-China.

As these changes were made, the French government ran up a balance sheet on De Gaulle's dislodgement campaign of four months and found that the empire is intact except for four provinces comprising French Equatorial Africa and the mandated Cameroons.

At the same time an officially inspired survey which Le Temps will publish tomorrow will fix the prime responsibility for dislodgement on terms of the armistice conventions which deprived France of the use of radio stations and prevented the government from communicating with its colonies.

British Ship Torpedoed 400 Mi. West of Ireland

The British ship Orari was torpedoed today about 400 miles west of Ireland, according to a message intercepted by Mackay Radio here. The message gave position of the vessel as latitude 49.50 north, longitude 20.55 west.

(Lloyd's lists the Orari as a twin screw freighter of 10,350 tons, owned by the New Zealand Shipping Co., Ltd., and registered out of Plymouth, England.)

Greeks Take Albanian Port of Palermo

Drive Reaches Albanian Coast, Heavy Fighting Near Tepelini

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (UP).—Greek troops led by captured Italian tanks today seized the Albanian port of Palermo and swept on toward the bomb-shattered seaport of Valona, 30 miles northward, toward which Fascist forces were reported fleeing under terrific bombardment.

Empty Italian cargo ships were reported to have put into Valona under "almost constant" air bombing, presumably to evacuate the Italians there, after virtual bomb destruction of the seaport, second largest in Albania and supply base for the fascist armies in lower Albania.

The capture of Porto Palermo gave the Greeks possession of a 30-mile stretch of Albania's seacoast northward from the Epirus frontier and marked an advance of 20 miles in eight days from conquered Porto Edda.

SHATTERED CITY

Valona, second largest Albanian seaport, has been so badly shattered by "almost continuous" Greek and British air bombings that the Italian command has been forced to abandon its use as a debarkation port for troop reinforcements and supplies, it was stated reliably.

British and Greek planes swept ahead of today's advance, disorganizing the Italian retreat in the vicinity of Kilmara, it was stated.

About 700 British planes of all types were reported aiding Greece's tiny air force on the Albanian front.

Dispatches from the Kilastra sector said the Italians were covering their retreat with tanks and picked units of Alpine troops, fighting along the Nemerchka range which rises sharply from the Viosa valley between Premeti and Kilastra.

In any event, the Italians were said to be planning a counter-offensive in the spring to drive the Greeks from Albanian soil.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR TEPELINI

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 13 (UP).—Greek forces have reached the Albanian coast north of Kilmara and are pushing forward steadily after capturing Italian fortified positions, the Greek radio reported tonight.

The Greek radio said heavy fighting was in progress near Tepelini, Italy's No. 1 defense point after the fall of Argirocastro on the southern front. Greek artillery was said to have forced the Italians to evacuate positions which the Hellenic forces then occupied.

Elsewhere, the radio said, the Greeks continued to advance—capturing important fortified positions despite Italian counter attacks.

ITALIAN BASE IN CRITICAL POSITION

STRUGA, Jugoslavia, Dec. 13 (UP).—Frontier reports said today that Greek forces had driven to positions only about two miles south of Tepelini and that the situation of this Italian base north of Argirocastro was believed critical.

GREEK ADVANCE HALTED, ROME SAYS

ROME, Dec. 13 (UP).—Fascist dispatches from the Albanian capital of Tirana today reported that the Greek advance in southern Albania has been "definitely halted" with the Italian forces firmly entrenched in new positions north of Argirocastro.

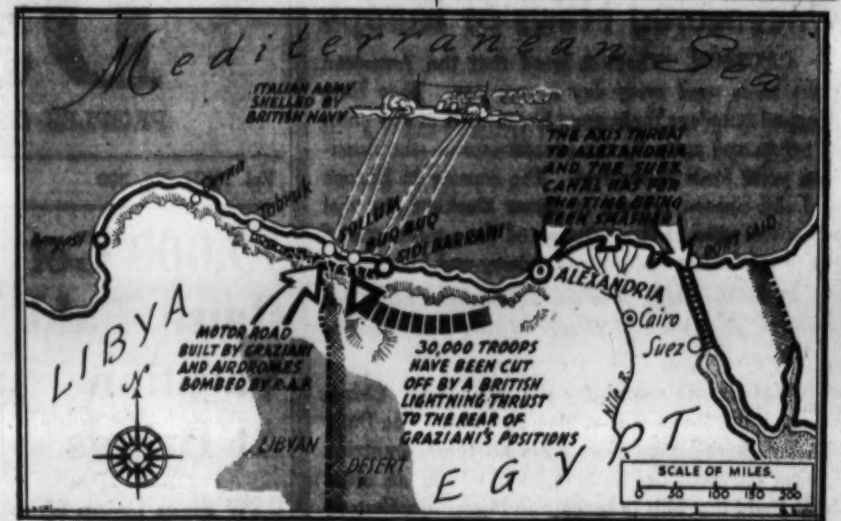
Today's High Command communiqué, indicating that there has been no major Italo-Greek fighting in the past two days, said: "On the Greek front there were no events worthy of special mention. . . . Small attacks of local character were repulsed."

Spain Refugee Aid Committee Ships Clothes

Clothing valued at \$5,000 has been shipped to the suffering Spanish refugees in French concentration camps and to their more fortunate brothers who are now in Mexico and Santo Domingo, according to an announcement made today by the New York Chapter of the United American Spanish Aid Committee, 200 Fifth Avenue.

The garments and shoes which have been dispatched weighed more than two tons in the aggregate and were contributed entirely by generous New Yorkers during the past three months, the committee said.

Clothing contributions are still being welcomed by the committee. A truck will be sent to pick up bundles or packages upon either written or telephoned instructions. The telephone number of the committee is ORamercy 5-7607.



Direction of British Egypt Drive: After launching the wide flanking movement which broke through to the sea near Buq Buq cutting Italian communications and isolating strategic Sidi Barrani, British forces drove on in a rapid thrust toward Sollum on the Libyan frontier. Action of British troops drove Italian troops under the guns of the British Mediterranean fleet which hammered the retreating Italian troops. Heavy fighting is reported to be raging as Italian forces seek to check further British gains.

British Meat To Be Further Rationed

Food Minister Says New Reductions Due to Transport Problems

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Lord Woolton, Food Minister, said today that Great Britain's meat ration will be reduced further "fairly soon" as shortages—attributed to transport difficulties—were reported from some London districts.

Woolton's statement was made in a speech at Portsmouth in which he asserted that the German submarine fleet had failed to starve out Britain.

However, he said that the meat ration would be cut as a precautionary measure.

TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES

The meat shortages were said by a spokesman of the Ministry of Food to be due entirely to transport difficulties. It was said that these transport troubles would be solved within a few days.

"We are going to live more simply and more deliberately in the future," Woolton said, "taking thought for tomorrow as well as today. We are in this position—that we are now taking away some of these things that have been bringing food to this country and using them to take shells, guns, munitions and supplies to men fighting in the Middle East."

Quakers May Test British Ship Blockade

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 13 (UP).—Quakers of America were resolved today to furnish food to French war victims despite the refusal of Great Britain to allow relief ships to pass through the blockade.

Harvard Prof. Henry J. Cadbury, a representative of the American Friends Service Committee, told a gathering of the Society of Friends at Hartford Seminary Foundation last night that "the real emergency of food supplies remains and must be met. We hope that despite the late Ambassador, a token ship will get through."

Cadbury asserted that "we have not as yet tried to buy our own ship and sail through the blockade with food for starving France, but it would be embarrassing to the British if such a ship, manned by Quakers, was destroyed."

FLOODS IN TURKEY

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Ankara (Turkey) radio reported today that heavy rains and floods continued in Thrace. A large part of Adrianople was said to be inundated and cut off from the surrounding country.

Mexican Gov't Assures Labor It Will Not Ban Strikes, Force Arbitration

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Mexico's new government will not ban strikes nor introduce compulsory arbitration to settle differences between capital and labor, President Avila Camacho told the National Committee of the Confederation of Mexican Workers in an interview a few days ago.

The question arose when two senators introduced a bill proposing that capital and labor differences "affecting public services" be submitted to compulsory arbitration. Since labor's right to strike is part of the Mexican Constitution, won in 1917, President Camacho said, his government is opposed to any such proposal as offered by the Senators.

PLEDGES LABOR'S RIGHTS

The National Committee of the CTM had asked for this interview to assure the new President of the "loyal and full cooperation" of

Mexico's most powerful labor body. The Committee headed by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, told the President that the CTM is giving "the same unbreakable support it has lent President Cardenas" to his administration "to solve the problems of the country and to comply with the proposals of the Revolution."

Avila Camacho assured the labor leaders that the Mexican working class could have full confidence in his government and that he is not disposed to in any way hurt the interests of the workers of this country. The interview was extensive.

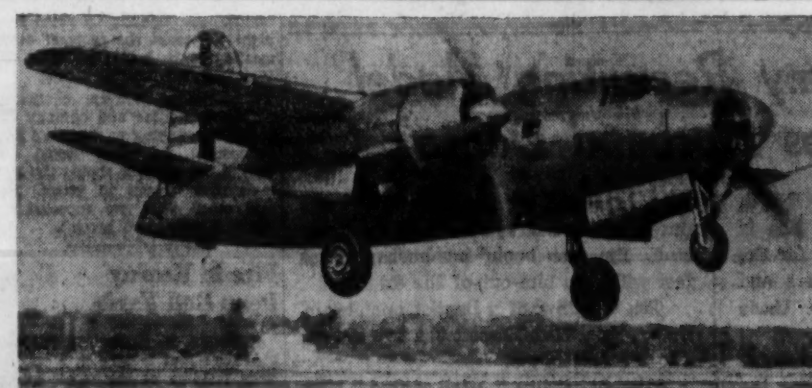
The President asked the CTM for fullest cooperation in the solution of the various burning problems, while CTM officials took the opportunity to advise President Camacho of the various questions of interest to labor. Among others, they presented to him the problem of the Spanish refugees already residing in Mexico and of those

who expect to come. The President promised consideration.

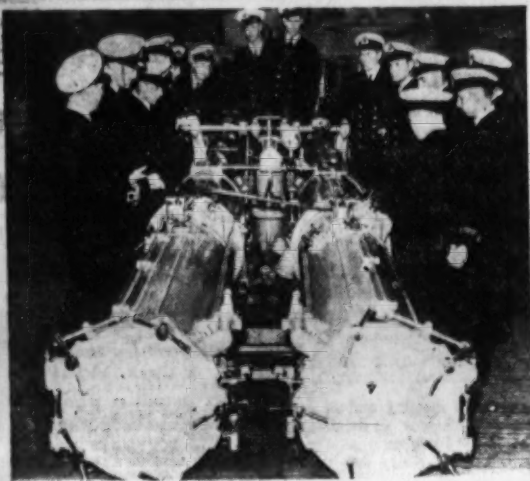
NO DIPLOMATIC CHANGE
"Up to the present" nothing definite can be said about the renewal of diplomatic relations between Mexico and England, Spain and the Soviet Union, Dr. Ezequiel Padilla, Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs, told foreign correspondents at his regular press conference a few nights ago.

England broke her relations with Mexico when the properties of the Royal Dutch Shell Company were expropriated by President Cardenas. In his conversation Dr. Padilla intimated that Great Britain would have to make the first move in reestablishing relations.

"Whatever step in this director is taken will be well received by Mexico," he said. According to information received here, a definite effort to reestablish friendly diplomatic relations with Mexico will be made by England next month.



Newest U.S. Bomber Takes to the Air: Newest and best of U. S. medium bombers is the B-26, shown taking off during test flight at Baltimore, Md. Product of the Glenn L. Martin factory there, this high performance dealer of destruction soon will be rolling off the production line.



Train Canadian Navy: Men of the Canadian Navy attend a school on Canada's east coast to learn how to launch deadly torpedo tubes from a destroyer.

Knudsen Clamors For Longer Work Week at Parley

Big Business, at N.A.M. Congress, Ends 3-Day Sessions Here After War-Dance Around Idol of Super-Profits

By Lawrence Emery

William S. Knudsen, production chief for President Roosevelt's total preparedness drive, demanded that Big Business "put the defense job on a war basis even if we are at peace" in an address delivered last night at a banquet bringing to a close the three-day sessions of the Congress of American Industry sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Crying for speed and more speed in the production of planes and tanks and means of destruction, Knudsen advocated a lengthening of the work week for American labor. The 40-hour week, he said, has "cut 20 per cent off our machine-time. Can we afford to do this? Can't we stop this blackout, this lack of production, from Friday to Monday?"

Although the assembled manufacturers for three solid days had made savage attacks on labor and blamed labor laws for "slowing" the defense program, Knudsen told his listeners, who paid \$9 a plate to hear him, that industry itself had failed in its commitments to the Defense Commission.

"Frankly," he said, "we are not doing anything compared to the forecast by the manufacturers and the Commission in July, and our hoped-for production figures for Jan. 1, 1941, of 1,000 planes per month, have to be scaled down by 30 per cent to be correct."

4 TANKS A DAY

Light tanks, he reported, are now being produced at the rate of four a day, while larger medium tanks will not reach the production stage until midsummer.

He insisted that production become "an objective in itself."

But while he chided the manufacturers, he turned his heaviest guns on labor.

"I don't know," he said, "whether we have done a job yet in helping labor to get the proper understanding of what this defense job means."

Speaking of the Wagner Act and the Fair Labor Standard Act, Knudsen declared that "Congress has not directed that all or any part of these Acts be written into government contracts" and he emphasized his Commission's "considered decision not to do so."

Appealing for a "spiritual" mobilization, Knudsen said "we are, to my mind, beyond worrying about the cost, the laws we think we ought to have and the way we are going to live when this is all over."

One lone voice against the plunge to war was raised at the convention. Robert E. Wood, NAM director and chairman of Sears Roebuck and Co., urged retention of the neutrality law and no credits for Britain. A compromise in the war could be obtained by next Spring if the United States withheld aid from Britain, he said. He warned that "only 'economic dislocation' and suffering for the people could result from United States involvement in the war."

Co-speaker with Knudsen at the banquet was Dr. Will Durant, who, "with the modesty that becomes an ignorant fragment," presented a draft plan for a native fascism that would outlaw freedom.

DOESN'T LIKE FREEDOM

"Freedom in general," he said, "has weakened the influence of society over the individual, has laughed at patriotism as a collective prejudice, has atomized our citizenship into irresponsible individuals. . . . These excesses of freedom are challenging the life of freedom itself."

Demanding authority, discipline and stoicism, he offered a 10-point program of fascism, including: state bonuses and other cash inducements for babies; a "restoration of parental authority"; a "sterner education"; a "reinvigorated morality through earlier marriages, made possible by dowries, uniform and more vigorous divorce laws"; the education of girls for widowhood and motherhood; a "rased and permanent Industrial Council, appointed by the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with labor . . . reducing the strain and loss of strikes."

Durant also advocated the estab-

Arraignment of Negro Driver Set for Today

Attorney Is Denied Chance to Talk With Spell

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without success up to a late hour yesterday afternoon.

Spell was subjected to a grueling cross examination by more than a dozen Greenwich detectives and FBI operatives for 15 hours after his arrest at the Strubing home Wednesday night. A strange version of this quiz was told by Assistant Prosecutor Archibald T. Tunick who said that at the end of 15 hours Spell suddenly announced that he was "ready to tell his story" in the presence of Tunick alone.

Tunick said all the detectives and FBI men filed out of the room and when he and Spell were alone the man made a "clean breast of it." The prosecutor, however, has refused to divulge the contents of the alleged confession.

PRODUCES NO "NOTE"

Meanwhile, many angles in the case were left conspicuously unexplained. One of the chief of these was why the man returned to the Strubing mansion, where he was arrested, after the alleged "crime."

According to the society woman's account she was attacked by Spell, about 9 P. M., Tuesday night in her bedroom. After that she said Spell "demanded ransom" and asked her to write him a check for \$5,000. She mentioned a "ransom note" but has thus far failed to produce it. She said that Spell took her on a wild ride and dumped her in the Kensico Reservoir.

Another incongruous note in her account was that she said that some time in the course of this ride Spell parked the car by the side of a road and that detectives came along and inspected the car "but failed to notice" that she was bound and gagged, which would seem to be a curious "oversight" on the part of two detectives.

But strangest of all was the fact that Spell was found waiting at the Strubing home when police came looking for him Wednesday night.

Even police said Spell "answered questions readily" and was not sulky or evasive during the grilling. He steadfastly maintained his innocence throughout the grueling procedure until the very end when he told reporters about the sudden and secret "confession."

Williams Is Freed in B'klyn Frame Up

ILD Wins Dismissal of 'Rape' Indictment on Negro Youth

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"Scottsboro" decision and verdict was unanimously reversed by the higher courts both on the law and the facts. His second trial before Judge Peter Brancato in January 1940, was marked by vicious and open Negro-baiting, especially on the part of the judge who kept reminding the jury "Don't forget this is a white woman" and ended in a verdict of guilty on a charge of "attempted rape."

"Final victory in the Williams case," the I.L.D. statement said, "especially at this time, is a victory for vigorous mass defense which rallied progressive forces in the community where Williams lived and worked and won the support of the entire city. John Williams spent 17 months in prison—the infamous Raymond Street Jail in Brooklyn and Sing Sing—an innocent man. He was sentenced to 15 years. But the persistent, determined work of the defense committee and the able work of the defense attorneys headed by Mr. Samuel A. Neuberger, chairman of the I.L.D. legal staff, defeated the reactionary aims of the prosecution and won justice and freedom for its intended victims."

'Gone With the Wind' Popular in Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (UP).—Germans now have more time for reading and among best-sellers are Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Walter Pittkin's "Life Begins at 40," and Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind."

'PIONEERS OF MODERN LITERATURE'

A New Series Starting in Tomorrow's Sunday Worker

The first of a series of five articles on Jack London and Theodore Dreiser, great literary figures who helped lay the basis for modern American literature, will appear in the next issue of the Sunday Worker. The articles, written by Oakley Johnson, trace the development of London and Dreiser, and show how their literary work and activity in behalf of social progress influenced numerous authors of the present day.



On Union's Side: Marian Hutton, soloist with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, insisted that any sound equipment she used must bear a union label. So this week the Hotel Pennsylvania had to put in new equipment bearing the label of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union of the CIO.

1,000 Hear Marcantonio At Pitts. Peace Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—"I voted alone four times and if necessary I will vote alone a hundred times more," Congressman Vito Marcantonio told a cheering crowd of 1,000 which filled Carnegie Music Hall last night to protest against Administration's moves to war. The Western Pennsylvania Council of the American Peace Mobilization sponsored the meeting.

Earlier, with Joseph Baron of the SWOC and executive secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Council of APM in the chair, the meeting had unanimously passed a strong resolution against loans to Britain which would take the U. S. another step on the road to war. The crowd also endorsed a resolution against the Smith Bill which is aimed at the right to strike. Marcantonio said that "in the name of democracy" the reactionaries in Congress were trying to destroy the right to strike in order to establish fascism.

In protest against the "Jim-crow" policy in the Army and Navy a letter was sent President Roosevelt asking full investigation and correction of the conditions which led to the discharge of 18 Negro messmen in the Navy and court-martial of five. Merle Cook, president of the Western Pennsylvania Youth Congress, had used their case to expose the hypocrisy of President Roosevelt's recent statement on democracy and freedom.

In his stirring appeal, Cook called for cooperation between the United States, the Soviet Union and China as the only path to peace.

At the request of the Western Pennsylvania Federation for Constitutional Rights, a telegram urging a Christmas pardon for King, Ramsey and Connor, West Coast seamen, was sent to Governor Olson of California.

Representative Marcantonio pledged to work for "a program, not of uniforms, but of overalls for work and peace." He lashed out at all those who are destroying the people's liberties today, and prophesied that "long after Martin Dies will have been consigned to historical oblivion the Constitution and the Bill of Rights will live on in the hearts of the American people."

"The United States is trying to protect Latin America the way Al Capone protected the business men of Chicago," Marcantonio said. "The people of South America hate Hitler—and they hate Wall Street."

Western Communists Push 'Daily' Circulation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Communist Party in Washington, Oregon and Idaho has launched a drive to carry into effect the decisions of the recent special National Convention of the Communist Party and National Committee meeting, it was announced here today.

The drive, decided upon at a meeting of the Northwest District Committee of the Party, will follow a two-month plan of work and will stress the sale of 5,000 copies of Earl Browder's report to the National Committee and strengthening the Party press and educational work.

Andrew Remes, secretary of the committee and delegate to the convention, warned at the meeting that reactionary forces in the three states were "intensifying their efforts to smash the labor movement and destroy the victories won by the pension movement in the overwhelming passage of Initiative 141."

The campaign will encompass a recruiting drive in which each local Party organization will receive a quota.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 13.—The state committees of the Communist Parties of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, have unanimously approved the decisions of the recent National Convention of the Party and have formulated plans for a campaign to carry these decisions into effect, it was announced here today.

The drive will include increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker and recruiting new members into the Party.

Modern Health Resort Grows Up At 'Healing Spring' Hailed by Ancients

By S. Tanev

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, (By Mail).—Some centuries ago, Rumor carried the news through Turkey, Iran, and India that an oil which healed many ailments had been discovered gushing from the ground in what is now the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic. The fame of the wondrous oil spread far and wide, and a Mecca of the diseased soon grew up around its source.

This rumor had it straight—or practically so. The oil did cure many ailments. This last summer I saw the "miracle" myself. At the modern health resort that has been set up at these unique oil springs I saw a man begin to walk who had been confined to bed with acute rheumatism; a little boy cast aside his crutches who could barely hobble about; a man completely cured who had suffered for 12 years from chronic eczema of the face. Here I met hundreds of former sufferers from nervous disorders, inflammatory processes, skin diseases and gynecological disorders, who confirmed the curative properties of the oil.

The remarkable oil is a dense, viscous, dark brown liquid resembling naphtha, except for the fact that it lacks the sharp odor of the latter. Hence its name—naphthalen. It also differs from naphtha in that it does not contain benzene, paraffin or light kerosene fractions, but instead has a large amount of naphthalene tars and aromatic substances. Naphthalen is excellent for lubricating and softening the skin, by which it is partially absorbed. Thus its anti-inflammatory, resolving and sedative action on the organism is not only local but general. It also stimulates metabolism.

THE TREATMENT

A combined naphthalen and sun treatment is practiced at the Naphthalen Health Resort. The patient is given a naphthalen bath, to be followed immediately by a sun bath. After this he is made to perspire by drinking hot tea. This completes the treatment. Quartz lamps and other similar artificial substitutes for the sun are now being used.

Nearly 29,000 patients have been treated at the Naphthalen resort since it was founded. This summer workers, collective farmers and office workers from all parts of the Soviet Union came here to take the cure.

Last year the first all Union

803 More to Be Drafted in N. Y., Jersey

New Draftees to Replace High Percentage Turned Down for Health

Col. L. B. Magruder, in charge of recruiting in the second corps area, said yesterday that 803 additional selectees were being inducted into the army to fill a shortage in the initial selective service quota for the area.

The selectees, he said, were being sworn in at six induction stations in Manhattan, Queens, Rochester and Albany in New York and Newark and Trenton in New Jersey.

Of those who reported yesterday 362 were accepted and 122 were rejected, Magruder said. The rejections represented 25.2 per cent as compared with 20.3 per cent for the entire draft thus far.

The quota for the individual induction stations, the number of men selected yesterday and the number rejected, Magruder said, were:

Rochester—125, 91, 11; Albany—83, 65, 12; Manhattan and Queens—369, 117, 47; Newark—129, 45, 30; Trenton—49, 45, 23.

The inductions will continue today.

Shoppers Back Bras Strikers, Buyers Hit

Firms Selling Product Picketed by Office Workers

The New York League of Women Shoppers announced yesterday its support behind the United Office and Professional Workers in its strike at the Gluckin Corp., 34 West 14th St., manufacturers of girdles, brassieres, garter belts and children's dresses.

"We feel that the office workers of this firm, who are members of the union, are justified in their position because the firm, which is planning a reorganization which involves discharging eight workers, refuses to submit to arbitration," said Emily Walton, president of the Women Shoppers.

Among firms being picketed by the office workers because they are still selling products of the Gluckin Corp., are Woolworth five and dime stores. The Women shoppers will place a picket line at 1 P. M. today in front of Woolworth at Fifth Ave. and 39th St.

Cold Wave, Heavy Snows Sweeping Through Europe

VICHY, Dec. 13 (UP).—A cold wave was reported sweeping Europe today and French observatories recorded earth shocks which seismologists believed had their epicenter near Galatz, Rumania. Heavy snow has caused trains in avalanches and snow drifts in the Alps.

Near the Italian-French frontier snow was said to be 18 feet deep, covering stations, signals and telegraph wires. Snow also was falling on the Franco-Spanish frontier. Pyrenees passes between France and Spain have been closed for two weeks.

In lower France heavy rains caused widespread floods. Floods also were reported in the Balkans.

Foran's Son Gets Draft Job --- N. J. Labor Protests

Red Baiting Flemington State Senator Is Author of Bills to Outlaw Strikes—Conscription Official Protests

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 13.—Labor and progressive organizations throughout New Jersey are protesting the appointment of 25-year-old James Foran, son of State Senator Arthur Foran, as a "co-ordinator" of the New Jersey draft machinery, a job which exempts him from military service.

[Senator Arthur Foran, wealthy Flemington iron-manufacturer, is New Jersey's leading labor-baiter, sponsor of bills which would outlaw strikes, compel labor organizers to be finger-printed, and prohibit jobs and relief to "aliens."]

Governor Harry Moore excused the appointment of young Foran to the \$2,600 a year job on the ground that "young Foran has been unemployed for some time and I wanted to help him."

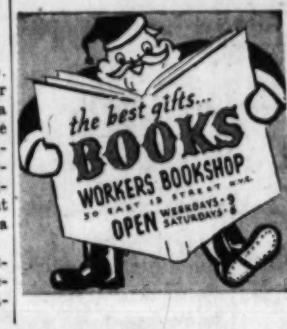
In attacking the appointment, Kenneth V. Knapp, chairman of Essex County draft board No. 26, stated: "Foran's appointment leaves a bad taste in one's mouth. How are we, who come in contact with thousands of registrants, to convince them that part of the supreme effort for national defense has not degenerated into a political racket?"

Flies 26-Year-Old Plane Across Andes

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 13 (UP).

Captain Enrique Flores, instructor of the Chilean Aero Club, flew a 26-year-old 100 H.P. Spad biplane from Santiago to Mendoza, Argentina, across the high Andean Cordillera peaks yesterday to commemorate the first trans-Andean flight by Lieut. Dagoberto Godoy (now a major) on Dec. 12, 1918.

Godoy flew a Chilean Army Bristol biplane across the Andes in defiance of orders and became a national hero overnight.



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GIANT SKATING RINK

DAY AND NIGHT

17 Massachusetts Union Leaders Assail Smith Bill

Wire Roosevelt and House Leaders Opposing Measure As 'Threat to Democracy and to the Living Standards of the People'

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BOSTON, Dec. 13. — Seventeen Massachusetts labor leaders have joined in opposing the Smith bill prohibiting strikes recently introduced in Congress.

In a telegram sent to President Roosevelt, to Speaker Sam Rayburn and to Majority Leader John W. McCormack, the labor leaders declared:

"The Smith Bill prohibiting strikes is a grave threat to our democracy and to the living standards of the people. The right to strike is an inalienable one, and this right above all others distinguishes free men from slaves. We emphatically oppose the Smith Anti-strike bill or any similar legislation repressing or restricting the right to strike."

The message was signed by: Joseph Salerno, President, Massachusetts State CIO;

Donal Sullivan, President, American Newspaper Guild, CIO;

Thomas McGowan, Port Agent, National Maritime Union, CIO;

Paul Salvaggio, National Organizer, United Shoe Workers of America, CIO;

Jose Prosen, Business Agent, United Packinghouse Workers, CIO;

James H. Durkin, National Representative, United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO;

Michael Tyson, Secretary Greater Boston CIO Council;

John Freil, Secretary-Treasurer, Oil Workers International Union, Local 381, CIO;

Dr. Russell Nixon, State Secretary, Massachusetts Labor's Non-Partisan League;

Hugh Lyons, New England Director, CIO;

Alphonse Sampson, President, Brooklyn Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen;

George Markham, Legislative Agent, Massachusetts State CIO;

Lucian Koch, Field Representative, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO;

Salvatore Camello, Field Representative, United Rubber Workers, CIO;

Edward Jackson, Vice-President, Massachusetts State CIO;

Olive Knowles, Executive Secretary, Massachusetts Labor's Non-Partisan League;

Nick Indice, Business Agent, United Shoe Workers of America, CIO.

NMU Lashes Smith Bill, Calls for Its Defeat

Calls Anti-Strike Measure 'One of Most Vicious' In Resolution

Branding the Smith anti-strike measure "one of the most vicious ever introduced" the National Maritime Union's membership meeting Thursday night at Manhattan Center passed a resolution instructing its officers to work with CIO and AFL leaders to defeat the bill.

The bill would provide life imprisonment for anyone participating in strikes which might be construed as affecting defense, the resolution says, would force employer dominated arbitration and would make the closed shop illegal and punishable.

The resolution said: This bill, (H. R. 10707, the Smith Bill) one of the most far-reaching and vicious ever introduced, would do the following:

1. Provide life imprisonment for anyone participating in any trade union activity, including strikes, which can be construed as affecting, directly or indirectly, defense production;

2. Make strikes and the closed shop absolutely illegal and punishable by fine and imprisonment;

3. Provide for employer dominated compulsory mediation of all labor disputes in any industry which might conceivably be connected with production of defense materials; and

"WHEREAS, Passage of this bill would lead to quick and complete destruction of American trade unions and the gains which it has taken the workers of this country several generations to win;

"WHEREAS, This bill would also make it impossible for Americans to continue their fight to keep the country at peace and would be followed by our certain involvement in the present European war; and

"WHEREAS, Legislation of this kind is characteristic of all fascist countries (Germany, Italy and Spain, particularly) and would mark the quickest road to fascism in this country, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the National Maritime Union condemns this piece of insane legislation with all the vehemence at its command; and be it further

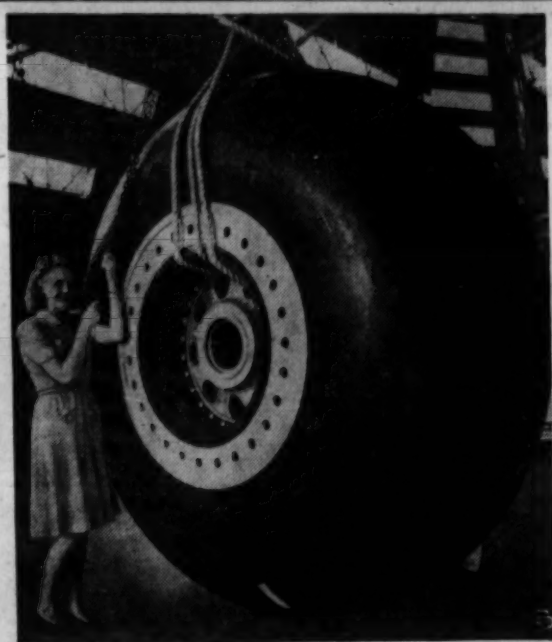
"RESOLVED, That we instruct the National Officers of this union to join with the rest of the trade union movement, both AFL and CIO, and with other sections of the American population to bring about the defeat of the Smith Bill."

CIO Union Wins Upstate Walkout

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 13 (UP). — A three-day strike of CIO union employees at the Upson Wallboard Manufacturing Company was settled early today after a nine-hour conference of union and company representatives.

Company officials said they had agreed to a labor contract providing a four-to-six-cent wage increase. Vacations with pay and a seniority grievance also were provided to be included in the settlement.

Under the agreement, striking employees will return to work Monday. The strike which halted production of Federal orders for army cantonnments, was called by the United Construction workers Union



For the World's Largest Plane: The world's largest plane has to have the world's largest wheel assemblies, and here is one of them. Built for the B-19, monster air corps bomber nearing completion at the Douglas Aircraft Co., at Santa Monica, Cal., the tire and wheel is 96 inches in diameter and weighs 2,700 pounds, just about 23 times the weight of Dorothy Rusk (left). The B-19 will have a maximum cruising range of 7,000 miles.

Boston Testimonial for Frankfeld Tonight

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BOSTON, Dec. 13.—The Frankfeld Testimonial Committee announced today that it looked forward to a large attendance at the Saturday night dinner honoring Phil Frankfeld for his five-year activity as leader of the Communist Party and the progressive movement of Massachusetts.

The dinner tomorrow will be at the Hotel Bradford, 6:30 P. M. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Roy Hudson of the National Committee, Communist Party, will be the principal speakers.

The advance sale of tickets shows large delegations of textile, shoe, leather and metal workers are coming from various parts of the state.

Also, prominent persons in the civic, religious educational and labor movement of Boston and vicinity will attend the event.

Interest centers on the dinner

Rochester, N.Y. Population Faces Typhoid Epidemic

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 13 (UP). — Dr. Arthur Johnson, city health officer, today urged all Rochester residents to undergo vaccination against typhoid fever and reported that samples of the public water supply showed it "highly contaminated." The health officers report was made as Norman Price, a waterworks foreman,

testified at a public hearing that the water supply was polluted yesterday when a valve was opened which connected the domestic service system to a main carrying unfiltered Genesee River water to fire hydrants.

ESTABLISH CLINICS
Dr. Johnson announced that public clinics were being established throughout Rochester and its suburbs so that all of the city's 324,000 residents could obtain free treatment.

Dr. Johnson said that tests taken by chemists showed that much of the water supply was highly contaminated.

"Tests showed that 36 per cent of 55 samples of city water, taken from various sectors, was highly contaminated," he said. "The others

Phila Rally To Protest Jailing of Negroes

Negro Congress to Hold Meeting Condemning Mass Arrests

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—A protest rally against the recent mass arrests of almost 600 Negro citizens here has been called for Thursday, Dec. 19, by the local council of the National Negro Congress.

The meeting, which is being supported by the Tenants League and the Workers Alliance, will be addressed by prominent Negro and white city leaders.

"This mass arrest of innocent citizens," declared the Negro Congress in urging wide attendance at the meeting, "is a most shameful violation of our Bill of Rights and the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution."

The mass seizures occurred on Nov. 16 and 17 when police cruised through the Negro districts of the city and herded men and women to jail without warrants, claiming that they were searching for suspicious characters.

The statement called for an end to the conditions which breed criminality, citing the hazardous slum firetraps in which Negroes are forced to live.

Speakers at the meeting will be Dr. Harry J. Greene, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Miss Goldie Erwin, National Negro Congress; Harry A. Levitan, Philadelphia attorney; Edward Jenkins, Workers Alliance; and Bernard Childs, Tenants League.

The rally will be held at the YWCA, 1806 Catherine St., at 8 P. M.

State Cigarette Tax Nets \$2,029,307 in Nov.

ALBANY, Dec. 13. — State revenues from the cigarette tax were \$2,029,307.14 during November, making a total income of \$10,329,752.65 since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1. Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Mark Graves announced today.

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Five Men Killed in Auto Crash in Massachusetts

BOURNE, Mass., Dec. 13 (UP). — Five men were killed and four were injured critically when two automobiles collided head-on Cape Cod early today.

The dead were Lyman Summers, 25; Charles G. Faria; Joseph Lopez, 20; Edward L. Morrison; Glendon E. Hopkins, all of Boston suburbs.

Injured included John J. Hogan, 32, of 569 49th St., Brooklyn.



Is this your first Christmas dinner? That is, the first one you have tried to cook, not the first one you have eaten. If so, even if you aren't a bride, you are likely to be nervous about it.

Nerves, however, are not going to help you here. A discreet use of brains is much better.

First, then, plan your menu. Write it out unless you have a superhuman memory. And then write out the shopping list. After estimating prices, you're likely to cut the menu down!

You want a bird, of course. Turkey and chicken are classics, but for that very reason the prices are sky-high at holiday time. And as a matter of fact you can make just as impressive and pleasant a banquet for less money with a duck or goose. If you pick goose, don't get one that's too fat. Don't use much fat in the dressing, either. And don't baste it in the oven as you would a turkey—turn it over from time to time, instead.

Besides the bird, you'll need a minimum of two cooked vegetables. One should be starchy, the other green. Remember, the oven's going to be busy, so choose something you can cook on top of the stove.

Boiled, candied sweets are a good holiday choice for the starchy

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Unionizing Ford's A Task for Every One

It is news of first-rate importance to every trade union and progressive American throughout the nation that a serious start has been made to unionize the factories of Henry Ford, open shop Baron.

The courageous, eager response of the Ford workers to the message of the CIO organizers who have begun to execute the decisions of the recent CIO convention, proves that every possibility exists for the successful conclusion of this unionizing drive.

The courage of the Ford workers against their employer who stands before the nation as its Number 1 labor law-breaker has wider implications. It proves that in the other fortresses of the Open Shoppers the same sentiment for trade unionism exists, waiting practical expression.

The existence of the open shop in Ford's plants has undoubtedly helped to retard the unionization of the workers in other monopoly industries of an allied character. It has also hung as a constant menace over the achievements and growth of the Auto Workers Union. Success in unionizing Ford will unquestionably give impetus to unionism in the aircraft, steel and allied industries.

To unionize Henry Ford's plants is, therefore, plainly a job not only for the CIO auto organizers, but for the entire labor movement and progressive people in the nation.

This is why the job which has been begun should be given the most serious, practical support without delay. The job will not be an easy one by any means. Every union man and woman in the land knows what the auto workers and the CIO organizers are up against. Every ounce of cooperation is needed.

Certainly, the auto workers can't expect much from the kind of "cooperation" they have been getting from Franklin Roosevelt whose Administration has just turned over to Ford a \$120,000,000 war contract after Ford, friend of Hitler, spat in the face of the National Labor Board.

Surely, the auto workers won't get very far with the kind of "cooperation" they can expect from Mr. Sidney Hillman and his preaching about "sacrificing" Labor on the altar of war profits.

The job of cooperating with the auto workers falls upon all trade union locals, upon the Ford buyers in the farm communities and in the towns. It falls upon AFL as well as CIO membership everywhere. It is a common fight of all.

In fact, the success of the Ford drive may be said to fall outside the auto industry itself, and upon the support given to it by the workers and population generally. A union victory against Ford would strengthen every progressive force in the nation, strengthen the people's peace movement and all movements for civil rights.

Every one of us must begin to help. We must demand an end to Government contracts for this notorious Wagner Act violator. We should state our opinions to the Ford dealers in our communities. Ford is firing his workers who wear union buttons—this should be instantly protested in messages to the Government at Washington and to Ford agencies.

All of progressive America now stands behind the auto workers in this tough battle for civil rights and decency!

Let every friend of labor bet to work.

Rejected as Unfit

A sharp drop is announced in the percentage of draft rejections in this city because of physical disability. Where 20 per cent of the men examined in November were found unfit, the figure in Manhattan on Thursday was only 10 per cent, while in Queens it was 13 per cent.

People will wonder whether there has been some sudden marked improvement in the health of the draftees now being examined or whether the admission standards have been drastically lowered.

But regardless of the present rate of rejections, the appalling fact revealed by the original figure of November still stands and deserves the attention of the entire country. That fact is that an entire generation has been raised which has been physically punished by the malnutrition and unemployment growing out of the 1929 crisis.

Washington and London— Haggling for Profits

Lord Lothian's last speech which he dropped into the lap of the American people was an open summons to the United States to hurry up and get into the war by way of providing U. S. convoys to British ships.

The war cry which this speech represents is pressure from the British Cabinet. This pressure continues though its author has just died. It will continue through the conspiratorial hands of Lothian's successor, whoever he may be.

Hard, shrewd, greedy bargaining is going on behind the scenes between the two disinterested friends of "civilization." The secret loan talks at Washington are rife with this financial tug-of-war as each of the partners in the holy crusade seeks to stick a knife into the back of the other.

Washington covets the vast British possessions. Britain tries to make Washington the "sucker" who will finance the war and come out second best in the division of world empire.

All the pious obituaries for the departed British agent cannot conceal the horse-trading between the London-U. S. banks. When Secretary Morgenthau and Secretary Hull inform the world that only Congress can approve a war loan to Britain, this is an ostentatious form of haggling with London. It is counter-pressure to the ex-Lord Lothian; it is a tip-off to his successor.

It is a significant fact that the British Communists have warned the English people that the plan to finance this war by loans from the U. S. constitutes a threat against the English people's independence and security. Such Wall Street loans threaten to mortgage the English people. No doubt, if they had to pay back, the British bankers would sweat it out of the English working class, just as the German capitalists sweated their war payments out of their workers.

Similarly, these war loans would be a menace to the American people's safety. They would be wrung from our population in taxes, just as the war debts of the last war have been taxed out of the people since 1917. It is the people on both sides who will have to pay for this banker's deal between Washington and London, no matter which banking group comes out on top.

In the secret negotiations which Lord Lothian started with the White House he started something which the British and American people have a common desire to stop.

In fact, this anti-war, anti-imperialist cooperation between the British and American people is the only British-U. S. collaboration that would benefit the majority on both sides of the water, even if it put a stop to the profitable trade in blood money now going on.

Sir Walter Continues His War Spiel

It is not only the influenza germ which is running loose around the country, but also Sir Walter Citrine. This toadying Laborite with the silk pants is speechifying to our American audiences on how urgent it is for American labor to lie down and accept the handcuffs of a 12-hour day.

He appeared at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the last we heard of him he had left Kansas City and was heading East along with the 'flu germ.

Citrine told the Oklahoma crowd that he "was proud" that the English workers "work very long hours with very poor ventilation, in spite of the air raids, too."

Considering that the British trade unionists are getting hotter under the collar every day about the industrial slavery to which they have been condemned while the London Stock Exchange merrily dances upward, this titled faker is selling American labor a phony bill of goods.

British labor is talking of strike action against the British Hitlers who are welding a whip over the English masses in the name of "democracy."

Citrine is a British agent trying to drag our boys into the war; he is here to sell us the war program of British imperialism, enslaver of Ireland and India.

In fact, he is a much more dangerous germ than the 'flu. At least, the 'flu germ doesn't smirk into your face while it is trying to kill you, and it doesn't pretend that it is saving "democracy" while it destroys you. If the British workers cannot stomach this dainty traitor why do we have to submit to him?

And have you noticed how no one in Washington is investigating this agent of the British war machine?

A Gift from His Majesty

--by Ellis



NEWS ITEM: Sir Walter Citrine, British Laborite, tells Tulsa, Okla., audience that he is "proud" that English workers are working a 12-hour day.

Invasion of Britain Still Possible, Red Army Paper Says in Article

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—Invasion of Britain by German forces, difficult as it may be, is not impossible, "Red Star," organ of the Red Army, comments today in a review of the international situation.

"The systematic mass blows of the German air force at the most important industrial centers and ports of Great Britain," the journal says, "are regarded by foreign observers as part of Germany's plan of preparations for invasion."

The review points out that leading British military circles regard the danger as a very real one and "are taking appropriate measures for strengthening the defense of England."

Continuing, "Red Star" writes: "In recent days the perspectives of the Anglo-German war are subject to much discussion in the American press and that of European neutral countries. The majority of observers agree that although a German invasion of the British Isles would involve great difficulties it is nevertheless possible of realization under certain conditions."

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"Whatever the future course of events may be, if the British navy retains domination on the sea and the system of anti-aircraft defense proves adequately effective, the task of invasion of the British Isles will present exceptional difficulties."

"The new forms of struggle employed by Germany are making their imprint upon Anglo-American

military cooperation. Were all the plans for the extension of Anglo-American cooperation spoken of by the British and part of the American press realized, England's military resources would undoubtedly increase.

"Significant in this connection is the interest with which Germany and Italy are watching the progress of the official and unofficial negotiations between Great Britain and the United States."

"In determining its position on the question of aid to Great Britain, Washington is guided primarily by its own interests. The sending of a group of American officers to London with a 'secret mission' and the trip of Colonel Donovan to the British forces in the Near East testify that the American government, while preparing to take further decisions, is carefully studying the military situation of Britain and watching the development of military operations in all theaters."

TOKIO'S FLIGHT
"Both the foreign and the Japanese press lately note the growth of economic difficulties and the aggravation of the internal political situation in Japan. Whereas the total 1940 budget in 1940 comprised 5,821,000,000 yen, the expenditures on the war in China in three and a half years reached the imposing figure of 16,000,000,000 yen. The expenditures on military purposes comprise two-thirds of the total expenditures of Japan."

"At present the country's national debt has reached nearly 27,000,000,000 yen. Japan's gold reserves are becoming exhausted. From \$469,000,000 before the war against China it has now dropped to \$100,000,000."

"The protracted war in China and the new military measures in connection with its advance southward has demanded of the Japa-

nese Government the mobilization of new means and the reorganization of the economic as well as the internal political life of the country."

"Prince Konoye's Cabinet, which came to power six months ago with the support of military circles, has begun the energetic realization of this reorganization. In addition to the formation, under the government, of a political organ known as 'The Association for the Support of the Throne,' the Cabinet is developing a plan of full control of industry, with the aim of better regulation of wartime economy."

INTERNAL RIPTS
"The intensification of government control of economy has aroused the opposition of business circles. Dissatisfaction with the internal political measures of the Cabinet is particularly expressed by some members of Parliament and leading members of the dissolved political parties, who regard the formation of the 'Association for Support of the Throne' as a violation of the constitution."

"Among those dissatisfied with the new line of the Konoye Cabinet are Generals Araki and Ugaki. Reflecting the opinions of the 'old' concerns and court circles interested in the consolidation of the territories conquered in China, they oppose the measures of the Japanese Government, which demand great sacrifices for the realization of the new program of foreign policies."

"In connection with internal political difficulties Hiranuma, chairman of the Privy Council, was recently included in the Cabinet. Foreign observers consider that the inclusion of Hiranuma in the Cabinet is a concession to right circles and regard this inclusion as an attempt to mollify the tense situation within the country. It is considered, also that this is only a temporary compromise."

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

THE SAGE OF IMPERIA

[According to the press, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will do a screen biography of William Allen White, to be known as the "Sage of Emporia." Recalling White's recent boast in an unguarded moment that every move of his committee to "aid Britain" had been first approved by the U. S. Army and Navy, we suggest the following scenario for the climax scene of the Sage of Imperia.]

Lovable, homespun old William Allen Trite is seated at his desk in the editorial office of the Imperia Gazette. He takes a simple repeat out of his lunch box. This lets the audience know that it is Trite's 70th birthday since there are seventy lighted candles on the piece of cake at which he is nibbling. The office boy enters: "Grampa Trite," he says ("Grampa" being homespun for Grandpa), "some of the neighbors are here to see you on your birthday."

Close-up of a homespun tear in Grampa Trite's eye. "Show them in, boy," he says. "Old Grampa Trite is already ready to see plain folks just like himself." The boy shows in a group of men. One of them chews on a piece of straw, another whistles while the rest are engaged in similar homespun occupations. "Howdy, neighbors," says Grampa. "Howdy, Grampa Trite," they say and seat themselves around the stove. The leader of the group then clears his throat: "Grampa," he says, "a bunch of your neighbors, plain folks all just like yourself, have a little surprise for you on your birthday."

He takes out a large box, cuts the ribbons, opens the top and Grampa peers in. "Just what is it, neighbor?" asks Grampa in astonishment. "What is it?" repeats the other. "Why it's the William Allen Trite Committee to Keep America Out of War By Dragging Her In. Here's your stationery. Here's the list of your executive committee, by crickey. Here's your program—for the first couple of years anyway. And here's the response to your first appeal for funds. Everything in apple-pie order ready to begin."

Grampa is visibly affected. "Thankee, thankee neighbors," he says. "This sure is a surprise. In fact I never even gave it a thought." He looks around at the men. "Bui, neighbors, I don't think I know your names," he adds.

The leader of the group introduces himself. "I'm Admiral Drexel from down Pennsylvania Avenue way," he says. "And this is General West from just 'tother side of the big White House. In fact, they're all good fellows—majors and colonels—just homespun folks like you, Grampa." Grampa shakes hands all around. The office boy comes in again.

"Grampa," he says, "there are some farmers just drove into town. They want you to print a piece they wrote called 'War Is Hell—Especially for the Farmers.'"

"A bunch of 'farmers,' you say?" snorts Grampa. "More like it was written by some of them furmurs who refused to let the sheriff evict them back in '32. Tell 'em to take their article somewhere else. William Allen Trite has dedicated his 70 years to the plain folks like my neighbors here and he ain't going to stop now." With that he takes out a box of grass roots and passes them around to his guests who stand at attention giving him a simple, homespun salute. (Fade-out.)

"I see by the papers," writes L. Moss, "that 'Roosevelt Will Help Greece.' Help grease America's entrance into the war?"

"LaGuardia At Desk On 58th Birthday"—News item.

It seems to be sensational news whenever an executive spends his birthday at his desk. You would think that when an overworked stenographer in a municipal office has a birthday, her supervisor tells her to go home and spend the day with the folks.

We don't see why the British Government should go to all the trouble of sending another ambassador 3,000 miles across the sea. It has plenty of self-appointed ambassadors right here—Lady Dorothy Thompson, for example.

The President who used to talk about the one-third of a nation that are "ill fed, ill housed and ill clothed," writes Al Loefer, has apparently decided to house them in barracks, clothe them in khaki and feed them on shrapnel.

Mayor Maury Maverick is rooting internationalism out of San Antonio by making all public Yuletide signs read: "Happy American Christmas." Next he'll probably order all Christmas trees to be decorated with a replica of the Star of Bethlehem 86el.

Letters from Our Readers

Ruth McKenney Comments on Mike Gold's Piece on Hemingway

Connecticut.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished reading Mike Gold's piece on "For Whom the Bell Tolls." I think it is a great, indeed a historic, comment on Hemingway, and indeed bourgeois writers as a whole—I haven't read anything so good since Mike Gold's famous drubbing of Thornton Wilder.

Why not get out a penny pamphlet, with Mike Gold's piece on Hemingway, Alvah Bessie's review of the book in the New Masses, the veteran's statement and one or two other comments? The book is selling enormously, and we all have our jobs cut out, showing people why it isn't what the publishers say it is, the great American novel. A penny leaflet with a few of the very able articles on the book published in the Daily Worker and the New Masses would be of great interest, I am sure, and extremely helpful just now.

RUTH MCKENNEY.

'Daily' a Tonic After Capitalist Press Lies and Propaganda

Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

What a tonic to read the "Worker" after the lies, propaganda and baloney of the capitalist dailies. We must fight to sustain the "Worker," since it is the only paper which probes to the core the present world military and economic mess.

What we want is more interpretive articles on

what is going on inside Europe and inside Washington. What are the war plans of the American bourgeoisie? What can the average person do to forestall the advance of fascism here? Are the masses in the European countries wide awake to the fact they are being duped by the respective governments on both sides of the battlefront?

Orchids to Mike Gold's searching series of articles, to Louis Budenz's column on the phony socialists, to Gropper's great cartoons, to Adam Lapin's swell Washington coverage and to your wide-awake editorial writers.

M. L.

'The Dirty Business Goes On—Unabated and Shameless'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Under the date of Jan. 10 of this year Mr. Henry L. Stimson wrote a letter to the New York Times asking for a ban on war exports to Japan. The following are brief excerpts from that letter:

"For three years the great resources of our country to a major degree have been thrown continuously to the aid of wrong-doing in the Far East."

"It is not our national legislation which is at fault, but a comparatively small number of individual Americans who are directly responsible, chiefly the merchants who are selling to Japan the ore, steel and scrap iron indispensable for her bombs, and the large oil producers who are selling to her the even more indispensable aviation gasoline for her planes."

"The real responsibility therefore rests first upon

the comparatively small group of Americans who have been willing to soil their hands with this dirty traffic; and, secondly, upon those political leaders who have tried to frighten our government from doing anything to prevent the wrong by warning them that to do so would surely lead them into war with Japan."

And editorially the Times referred to the Stimson letter in part as follows:

"Mr. Stimson's letter is a forceful argument for an American embargo on the shipments to Japan of supplies which enable that country to make war on China. American ore, American scrap iron and American gasoline are Japanese allies in this war. From no other country does Japan receive so much assistance."

Today, Mr. Stimson is a highly-ranking member of the Administration that to this day is doing very little to stop the dirty traffic, and that just the other day gave its official sanction to an agreement for the supplying of a larger amount of oil to Japan from West Indies oilfields.

The dirty business goes on growing dirtier as it continues unabated and shameless! A. G. D.

Grateful for Existence of 'Daily' Getting New Readers

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York, N. Y.

I am forever grateful for the existence of the Daily Worker; the only beacon throwing light on this world of lies, created by the capitalist press.

I am doing my very best to get more readers for the Daily Worker. It is essential to spread the truth.

M. M.

On The Score Board

Clair Is More Excited About Next Year

By LESTER RODNEY

When you want to find out about the basketball team at Long Island University you have to speak to the Director of Athletics, the Associate Professor of Accounting, the Director of the School of Physical Education, the head coach of football and the director of recreational activities at Manhattan Beach. That's one way of saying professor Clair Bee of West Virginia; Wayneburg College, A.B., B.C.S., M.C.S. and M.A. To make up for the big gap in his schedule created when LIU dropped baseball, of which he was coach, Clair has just written an extensive book on basketball. He also has found time to help conduct a clinic for the Trade Union Athletic Association basketball league and address the "End Discrimination in Sports" rally at the World's Fair conducted by the labor organization during the summer.

How good a basketball coach is he? Well, in the past six years the LIU teams have played 159 games and won 149 and it wasn't done with mirrors, but with boys from the local public high schools. Of course he's gotten some pretty good boys to start with, but he's known what to do about developing them further. There's very little you can do about a record like that but shake your head and say "What the Hell!"

He's had two undefeated teams, a rarity in basketball. There was the 1935-36 team, with Bender, Kramer, Merson and Russo, that won 26 without being licked. An even better team, and in this rather rabid court fan's opinion the greatest college outfit of all times, was the undefeated combine of two years ago that won 21 and lost 0 and swept through the National Tourney at the Garden on high. That was the team with Torgoff, Kaplowitz, Hillhouse, Bromberg, Newman and King.

But there's another Garden basketball season starting tonight and the '40-'41 combine is the one fans are interested in at the moment. Clair is not too optimistic about the prospects of this bunch, though, of course they may yet change his mind. You have to understand that when he's pessimistic he's not kidding, but that his idea of a not so hot team can still leave room for it to be one of the best ten teams in the country. Now here's the way the boys look to him on the eve of the game with the tall boys from Oregon.

Q. "Well, how's the club really looked so far?"

A. "Not so good. They just aren't playing the kind of basketball they should. Of course, King has been slowed up by football and hasn't been right yet and that hurts, but the other boys haven't come along the way they should. Schechtman, Lobello and Schwartz are good ball players, but they're not much better than they were as sophomores two years ago. I don't know, maybe it's my coaching for all I know."

Q. Well, even with the handicap of your coaching they won 20 and lost 3 last year. Should they do as well this time?

A. Well, honestly I don't think so. Competition is keener all around and so far they haven't looked as good as they did last year. Maybe a little touch of senility too. Every coach bumps into that.

Q. Senior teams have a way of snapping out of apparent doldrums and fooling even pessimistic coaches. And how is junior Beenders doing? Has he come along? Any of the sophomore crop help?

A. Beenders will play some good ball, but he's never lived up to that one night flash against New Mexico. He's handy around the backboard and as soon as King is feeling right they'll be a tough pair underneath. Lobello will pop some, Schechtman run—oh, we'll win some ball games. It's not a bad team, but it should have been a great team by now and it isn't. Cohen is the only one of the sophs who fits in with the varsity and he's still too shy. He can do things with the ball but he's too anxious to give it away to the veterans.

Q. Well, I hope they win a few more than you expect. And in the meanwhile, what's that I hear about your freshmen—four of the big boys from Madison, that Rothenberg of Roosevelt—6-7, is he good? ... you can keep this off the record if you want—how do you think they'd do against the varsity right now?

A. (With enthusiasm)—You can put it right on the record. This is going to be a really great team. They can beat the regulars right now, and have done it. They can beat an awful lot of varsities. Those kids from Madison are swell boys, natural ball players and can learn. Rothenberg? Wait till you see him. A big boy with natural grace. Where'd you ever see that? This bunch looks so good to me I'm figuring on going out to the Coast for some games next year for the first time.

Q. That's a strange thing, having a freshman bunch good enough to beat a good regular senior team.

A. Well, I like it alright.

Q. Now, briefly, do you think CCNY is really good? NYU? St. Johns?

A. Yes, I think St. Johns has a fine team this year. That Holzman is pretty nearly the best ball player around already. Rates up with the best of the NYU bunch. And City has the reserves. St. Johns will be better, NYU about as good as last year.

Q. Well, that's that. It looks like wait till next year and do pretty well this year in the meanwhile, not as bad as you sound anyhow. By the way, how about that gym you were trying to get?

A. Oh, we're still saving nickels. It's a nice dream yet.

Q. Quick now, can I trap you into admitting that maybe this year's team will be really great? Do you think you'll beat Oregon to start?

A. See me after the game. If my mind is to be changed about this team they'll just have to go out and change it for me by playing better ball than they've showed me yet.

AND P.S.—Q—to readers of this year column—Are you going to be down to that super-super YCL prom tonight at the Royal Windsor—all the beautiful girls in the city are there—and after the basketball game is all right too.

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CCNY, Oregon Picked in Openers

Indians Got Best Of Deal

G. Walker Top Man in 3-Way Swap With Boston Red Sox

With the memory of their eye-lash failure to take the 1940 American League pennant still painful, the Cleveland Indians have commenced the process of strengthening next year's team with the acquisition of Outfielder Gerald Walker, Pitcher Jim Bagby Jr. and Catcher Gene Desautels from the Boston Red Sox in a three-cornered deal.

The Indians gave up Catcher Frankie Pytlak, Infielder Odell Hale and Pitcher Joe Dobson to the Red Sox who had sent Roger Cramer to the Washington Senators earlier in order to get Gee Walker to complete their part of the transaction. Walker started with the Chicago White Sox.

The right handed Walker is the most important player to figure in the transaction. Thirty-one years old, he has been in the major leagues for five years and has maintained an average of more than 100 runs batted in for that period. Roger Peckinpaugh, Cleveland's new pilot, figures him to put some badly needed punch into the Indians' batting lineup. Gee who batted 294 last year has never really fulfilled the potentialities he revealed when he came up but if Peckinpaugh can get the ball he is capable of out of him the Indians have more than a slight edge on the deal.

The Indian outfield now shapes up as Heath, Weatherly and Walker, with Bell and Chapman in reserve.

Of the other two players acquired, Desautels, 33, 225 B. A. for 71 games last year will be backstop insurance for Rollie Hemleary, Cleveland regular, and Jim Bagby Jr., son of the famous 1920 Indian hurler, is a potential star. He throws a fast ball besides the fadeaway his father used to toss. Last year he won 10 and lost 16 but Peckinpaugh is counting on him for at least 10 wins with a much lower loss column.

In return Cleveland did not relinquish a great deal of strength

The Boys Who Bring You the Fights



Sam Taub and Bill Stern of NBC are shown at the mike at Madison Square Garden. They'll bring fight fans the broadcast of Joe Louis' title defense against Al McCoy at Boston Monday night.

to Boston. Both Pytlak and Bad News Hale are 31 years old and nearing the end of the trail. Pytlak was a regular with the Indians until he came back to the Browns, and Hale, who used to be Bad News to pitchers, sat on the bench most of last year, getting off to pinch hit occasionally, ending with the anemic BA of .227. The destiny of Hale and Pytlak seem to be linked. Ever since they played together with Toledo of the International League in 1932 they've both been on the same team.

The most promising of the trio Cronin got is Dobson, the big 24 year old right hander, who figures to possibly bolster the Sox pitching staff, the perennial soft spot on the squad. While he bagged only three wins while losing 7 last year Dobson has loads of speed will get every opportunity to work more often with Cronin's big Bertha booming behind him.

In a straight cash deal the Red Sox also bought the veteran fly-chaser, Pete Fox, 31, from the Detroit Tigers.

OVERLIN 159 BELLOISE 154

Champion Ken Overlin weighed 159 pounds and challenger Steve Belloise scaled 154 today for their middleweight title fight tonight. Each was exactly one pound heavier than when they fought on Nov. 1. For details and all the angles see Lester Rodney's story in the Sunday Worker.

Noble's Return Peps Up Fordham

The return of Jim Noble, injured back who missed the NYU game, to the Fordham backfield considerably enhances the Ram chances against Texas A & M in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex. on New Year's Day.

Basing back into shape Noble figures to be in perfect form by the day of the game. Rounding out the backfield with Len Ekhmont and Jim Blumenstock doing the running, and Steve Filipowicz doing the passing, the Ram field general is all set to jolt the Aggies considerably.

In practice for the game Filipowicz started observers with accurate long heaves to Blumenstock, one of which traveled approximately sixty yards.

Coach Crowley expects his Rams to be geared for a peak game after running the players through defenses designed to halt A & M plays diagrammed by scouts.

Great Holman Team, Western 5 Favored Over Oklahoma, LIU As Garden Court Lid Comes Off

Another college basketball season gets under way in Madison Square Garden tonight as two of New York's good teams meet a pair of invaders from the Southwest and Coast respectively. The opener finds a veteran LIU combine meeting Oregon, a team it just nosed out 56-55 in overtime last year. The nightcap pits what looks like one of the great CCNY teams against powerful Oklahoma A. & M., which licked the Holmen last year by 12 points in the course of its 25 straight victories. All four teams are unbeaten to date.

Line Ups, Numbers For Tonight's Game

FIRST GAME—8:15 P.M.
No. LIU Position Oregon No.
10 LobelloLF..... Anderson 11
19 KingRF..... Taylor 19
20 BeendersC..... Marsh 24
24 SchechtmanLG..... Jackson 24
21 SchwartzBG..... Townsend 23

LIU Reserves: Zellins (20), Schneider (21), Holsh (22), Pascario (23), Walter (24), Sharr (25), Cohen (26), Kane (27), Perez (28), Dean (29), McGowan (30), Gurfain (31).

Oregon Reserves: Borrevik (10), Sidsinger (11), Kirsch (12), Andrews (13), McNulty (14), Anet (15), Sandness (16), Bercher (17), Furman (18).

Officials: Bill Grieve and Pete Sinnott.

SECOND GAME

No. City Col. Position O.A. & M. No.
9 MonlieLF..... Smelter 27
11 HolzmanRF..... Eggleston 25
20 GersonC..... Schwartz 29
21 PhillipsLG..... Floyd 25
4 FishmanBG..... Millikan 8

City Reserves: Luzzana (7), Goldstein (8), Edwin (9), Winograd (10), Miller (11), Scheinkman (12), Capraro (17), Jundtried (18), Peck (22).

Aggies Reserves: Schofield (3), Francis (4), Taylor (5), Maddox (7), Fite (8), Bell (9), Herron (10), Newman (23), Steinmetz (24), Wington (25), Cloris (27), Gray (28).

Officials: Pat Kennedy and Dave Walsh.

Clinton Opens Title Drive With 38-21 Win

De Witt Clinton's great looking team opened its drive towards the Bronx title yesterday by beating old rival Evander Childs 38-21 in the Moshulu Parkway court, Captain Danny Kraus and Tommy Byrnes led the Red and Black attack with eight and seven points respectively. Skowroff starred for Evander with nine. Clinton led at the half 18-7 but actually did not show their power until the final quarter, when they hung out the storm signals for all contenders for the city title Franklin's great team included ... LEON PARKER

Labor Champs vs. CCNY Evening '5'

The first regular game between a college basketball team and a trade union team takes place tonight at the City College gymnasium, 139th and Convent Ave., when the CCNY Evening School quintet, coached by Sam Winograd, meets the crack Office Workers Local 18 team, coached by Ace Goldstein, another ex-CCNY great.

The latter are the champs of the Trade Union Athletic Association and play a brand of ball comparable to that of the better college. Game starts at 8:30 and there's dancing afterwards.

LIU Has Its Work Cut Out

for it against the biggest team to ever hit town, an outfit boasting two 6 foot 7 regulars and averaging 6-4. The veterans from the Coast won two games with Oklahoma and Canisius easily en route for this test and seem to be loaded for revenge. In addition to its huge starting five Coach Hobson has a 6 foot 9 sophomore named Borrevik who will see action.

LIU will present four of the five men that started most of its games last year. The fifth member will be Hank Beenders. St. Lobello is the high scoring ace and Bill King the floor ace, but the great Negro star is still not recovered from a leg injury suffered in the last football game of the season, and may not see too much action. He sank the tying and winning goals against Oregon last year. Schechtman and Schwartz round out the combine, with sophomore Cohen slated for some action.

TEST FOR CCNY

All eyes will be on the CCNY team to see how it does against the very fine Oklahoma Aggies. The feeling is that if Holman's men open up by trimming the Southwestern titlholders they'll be hard to stop from here in. To sophomores have them raving. Bill Holzman, who has scored 41 points in three games to date and is rated one of the greatest in the city already, and Claude Phillips, Negro ace from Franklin High, will start along with Captain Aggie Monlie and sturdy center Julie Gerson. The fifth starter is not determined quite yet as between newcomer Harry Fishman, transfer from LIU, and Marty Scheinkman, whose set shots rocked unbeaten NYU from its throne last year.

THE FIRST PREDICTION: Oregon to nip an LIU team that isn't quite up to snuff with King not ready—the Coast lads are due for one after losing to CCNY 36-34 and to LIU 56-55 in its two previous trips. And CCNY to stand up under its first pressure and win handsomely.

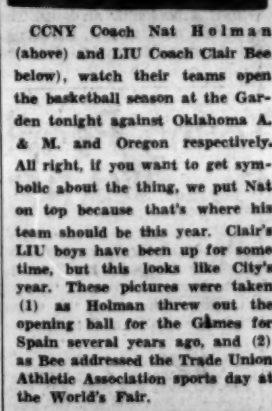
CCNY Wrestles F & M

The wrestling squad of CCNY is facing its greatest threat to an undefeated season when it travels down to Lancaster, Pa. to encounter Coach Joe Saporas' Franklin and Marshall mat aggregation. The Diplomats are favored but the Beavers are clutching for an upset with a team headed by co-captains Bob Levin, 121 lb. class, and Clarence Shapiro, 135 lb. class.

Local Coaches



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THE ROUND UP:

7 Night Game Limit Hurts Browns; Kimbrough Puzzle; Aggies Hunt Ram

Jack Jules

Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis decisive vote which broke the night game deadlock between the two circuits and fixed the total at 7 games a season leaves the St. Louis Browns grievously stricken.

Almost rejuvenated by the \$136,000 drawn into their coffers by the night games last year the Browns hopefully came to the minor league meetings prepared to buy instead of sell ball players. They picked up Fritz Ostermuller and Denny Galehouse for their mound corps from the Red Sox and were dicker with other major league outfits when the edict was promulgated.

This reconstruction process was completely aborted and the Browns under Manager Fred Haney again face the prospect of playing to empty instead of populated ones. Statistics reveal that in the fourteen night games they engaged in last year the Browns drew the major portion of their total 230,000 home attendance.

Their Future Prospects are Not

completely bleak, artistically, however, as they have their best team in decades. Their infield of George MacQuinn, First Base, John Berardino, Shortstop, Don Heffner, Second and Harland Clift, at the hot corner rates with the best in the League. Their one hitch has been the battery and they were ready to lay it on the line until the meeting hit them on the chin with the arc light limitation.

So John Kimbrough, the darling of the Texas Aggies, really made that flying trip to New York to deal with Douglas C. Herz, the man who is flinging all that good green money around for the Yankees, of the American Football League.

When the gridiron star's plane landed in the capital last night he was still undecided about the rumored \$25 grand offer. He said he was thinking of joining the army but also likes farming, which he is studying at Texas A & M. We wonder just how much agricultural implements \$25,000 will buy John.

Hert is also arguing for Tommy

Harmon, whom the Bears drafted. Harmon doesn't want to play pro ball but his father wants him to. Guess if Tommy doesn't listen to Papa there might be a nice, quiet domestic scene in the wretched.

The Associated Press survey says that Dartmouth pulled the biggest surprise of the year with its fifth down upset of Cornell. Has everybody already forgotten Jimmy Wilson's steal of second base during the World Series? It didn't even get a vote.

In preparation for their coming game in the cotton bowl Coach Homer Norton let his Texas Aggie Seniors take the weekend off for some bird and deer hunting. Just a little target practice for the open season on Ram New Year's Day.

Famous last words—Al McCoy "thinks" he can beat Louis in their bout at the Boston Garden in the hub city Monday night.

NYU Coeds List Games

The women's basketball team of New York University will play a ten game season lasting from February 7, when it will meet Rider College, to its closing game with Temple University, March 15. Miss Frances V. Frost, director of women's athletics, revealed today. Surviving from last year's team are Captain Helen Hansch, guard, Eleanor Strachner, another guard, and Rita Silverberg, a forward.